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DE RUEHBM #0238/01 0601601 ZNY SSSSS ZZH O 011601Z MAR 07 FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6172 INFO RUEHVI/AMEMBASSY VIENNA PRIORITY 1986 RUEAIIA/CIA WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY RUEAWJA/DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHDC PRIORITY RUEATRS/DEPT OF TREASURY WASHDC PRIORITY RHMCSUU/FBI WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY RUEAHLC/HOMELAND SECURITY CENTER WASHDC PRIORITY RHEHNSC/NSC WASHDC PRIORITY RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY

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E.O. 12958: DECL: 02/28/2032

TAGS: <u>PINR PREL PARM ETTC KOMC IR RO</u> SUBJECT: ROMANIA STOPS MILSPEC LIQUID-OXYGEN GAS CONVERTERS

HEADED TO TEHRAN

Classified By: Polcouns Ted Tanoue for Reasons 25% and 1.4(b)(d)(e).

- $\P 1$. (S) On February 27, Gicu Pop from the National Agency for Export Control (ANCEX) alerted Polmiloff to the disposition of five U.S.-origin, Liquid-Oxygen Gas Converter capsules en route to Iran, but held by Romanian Customs Authorities at Otopeni Airport. The Customs officials notified ANCEX when they identified a discrepancy between the Bill of Lading description of five "used empty medical oxygen capsules" the markings on the capsules themselves that identified them as U.S. Property, Liquid Oxygen Gas Converters for Aircraft manufactured by the ARO Corporation, Bryan, Ohio. The containers also have seals with US Air Force insignia and the wording "Oklahoma City ALC" (e.g., the USAF Air Logistics Center at Tinker AFB). ANCEX and GOR Customs report the waybill, dated February 9, 2007 indicated no export license was required, but also that the items were exported from the U.S. in accordance with Export Administration regulations. For a shipment destined for Iran, this seemed highly irregular according to Pop. The waybill also carries a disclaimer that states: "Diversion contrary to U.S. law prohibited. Shipment may be carried via intermediate stopping places which DHL deems appropriate.
- ¶2. (S) Pop shared a fax received from Access USA on February 20, which said the goods were sent to the Romanian firm "General Service Trans SRL" located in Bucharest by mistake and the fax also requested the shipment to be forwarded to Azzizi Trading in Tehran. Pop reported that General Service Trans SRL is owned by a Romanian of Iranian nationality. Pop said because the documentation for the shipment was not in order, ANCEX was planning to instruct Customs to return the shipment to sender, Jameson Wilson Shipping of Bradenton, Florida. Polmiloff expressed appreciation for ANCEX alerting the embassy to this shipment.
- 13. (S) Below is a description of the documentation received from ANCEX:

DOCUMENT 1:

DHL delivery slip dated February 9, 2007, origin SRQ, with a sender's reference number L4056.

The package was shipped by: Wilson J.

Shipping 1901, Sixtieth Place Bradenton, FL 34203, USA TO: Georgiana Georgiana General Service Trans Sr. I Str. Drumul Gazarului Nr. 18, B1, 18, Et. 4, Ap. 59 Bucharest, Romania. Description: Medical Oxygen Capsules Customs Value: 294.95 USD for 5pcs Wgt: 97.1 lb for 5 pcs Date: 2007-02-09 Export: Lic/Sym: NLR DOCUMENT 2: A packing slip from Access USA containing the following information: Shipper: Jameson Wilson 1899 6oth Place E. Bradenton, Florida 34203 USA Consignee: General Service Trans SrI Georgiana Georgiana Str. Drumul Gazarului Nr. 18, Bl. 18, Et. 4, Ap 59 Bucharest, Romania Ph. (74) 111-4455 Shipped Item Descriptions: Used Empty Medical Oxygen Capsule; quantity 5; unit price 58.97USD; total value 294.85USD. Terms of payment: prepaid All currency in USD Total amount: 294.85USD AWB #9245896214 Invoice # a175101 Reference Number: L4056 Country of Origin: US Pieces: 5 Gross Weight: 97.1 lbs Ultimate Destination: Romania Certified True and Correct by: (s) J. Wilson Date: February 09/2007. DOCUMENT 3: A one page fax from Access USA. From fax number: (941) 827-2985 To fax number: (021) 450-0241 The fax is dated February 20, 2007 and is from Jameson Wilson, 1899 60th Place E., Bradenton, FL 34203, Tel: 941-227-4444, fax: 941-827-2985, to Georgiana at General Service Trans SrI. Notes: To Whom It May Concern: Dear all, Please be informed that the goods shipped under AWB: 924-5896214 were sent by mistake. Please arrange to forward

the shipment to below address:

Azzizi Trading Suite 20 7th Floor Mahyar Building Janat Abad Tehran, Iran

Thanks for your understanding

Best Regards
Will Collins
/s/

DOCUMENT 4

A request for transfer from Globe Ground Romania Cargo Services dated February 19, 2007, JR 9802. Declaration number and date: 904/0079 -12.02.2007.

Conf. Ordin ANV 9988/28.12.2006 Nr. 662 / 19 February 2007

Expeditor: Wilson J. Shipping
Destination: General Service Trans
Description: Equipment
Number of pieces: 5
Weight in kg: 44
Value of goods: NCV
Transport Document: 924-5896 214
Storehouse position: 904/0079

Document is stamped by VAMA ROMANIA, Birou VAMAL OTOPENI, signed and dated 16 FEB 2007. The second identical stamp without signature is stamped 19 FEB 2007.

The document is signed by Globe Ground Romania Cargo Services Agent Dorian Alexe.

DOCUMENT 5:

Customs Shipping Slip No. 257 OTP 7292 8973.

Air Waybill issued by Austrian Airlines

Shippers Address: General Service Trans SRI Str. Drumul Gazarului Nr. 18 Bl. 18, Et. 4, Ap 59 Bucharest, Romania

Consignee's Name and Address: Azzizi Trading Suite 20th Floor Mahyar Building Janat ABAD Tehran, Iran

Issuing Carrier's Agent Name and City: Teen Trans RO SRL Otopeni, Romania

Airport of Departure: Bucharest Otopeni To: VIE By First Carrier: OS Routing and Destination: THR OS Airport of Destination: Tehran Flight/Date: OS7920/20; OS871/21

Accounting Information: Freight Prepaid Currency: EUR CHGS Code: PP Declared Value for Carriage: NVD Declared Value for Customs: NCV

Handling Information
PLS NTFY CNEE IMMED UPON ARRVL DOCS ATTACHED TO MAWB

Number of pieces: 5 Gross Weight: 44kg Chargeable Weight: 59 Rate/Charge: 6.7 Total: 395.3
Nature and Quantity of Goods: Empty Oxygen Bottles, not restricted, 5 @ 41x41x49cm, Vol. .35cbm Prepaid amount: 395.3 Total other charges: 28.6 Total prepaid: 423.9 Shipper: Teen Trans Ro for General Service Trans SrI, signed and dated Feb. 20th 2007. DOCUMENT 6: Customs Declaration No. 10077 / 20.02.2007 Sender: General Service Trans SRI Str. Drumul Gazarului Nr. 18 Bl. 18, Et. 4, Ap 59 Bucharest, Romania Destination: Azzizi Trading Suite 20th Floor Mahyar Building Janat ABAD Representative: Teen Trans RO SRL Reference Number: OS792 Shipping Number: 740: 257-72928973 Arrival Date: 12.02.2007 Origin: Otopeni Destination: Tehran Customs bureau of departure: 103-OTOPENI Warehouse: PL-BICC Number of containers and description: 5 pieces R2 GG: 662/1 - 19.02.2007 Total weight: 44kg Declaration Date: 20.02.2007 Representative: Mocanu Ioana Signed/stamped S.C. Teen Trans Ro. SRL DOCUMENT 7: Photo of a cylinder with the following information:

Converter, Oxygen, Aircraft Liquid to Gaseous Art. No. 21170-2 Serial No. 2671 Order No: SN1660) 00) 955-2647 The ARO Corporation, Bryan, OHIO U.S. Property

End Documentation. TAPLIN